STATEMENT

Location	Distributor's Name	LPG Customers as on 30.6.2000	LPG on 30.6.21
Haldwani	KM Haldwani Gas	24257	0
-do-	KM ASC Haldwani	401	0
-do-	KM Bora Gas Enterprises	8671	661
Bajpur	KM Bajpur Gat	11533	0
Ramnagar	KM Ramnagar Gas	12575	0
Ranikbet	Mi. Ranikbet Gas	19336	0
-do-	KM ASC Ranikbet	1801	0

Outlay of IOC For Welfare Activities

2420. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total outlays of IOC in each of the last five years for welfare activities and breakup for community welfare as well as staff welfare in general and specific to establishments, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the findings of gas tanker blast tragedy at Khanapara, Guwahati alongwith accountability fixed and the action taken and compensation paid to the victims of the tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR): (a) The year-wise expenditure incurred by the Indian

Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) on staff welfare and community welfare is given below:—

Year	Expenditure on Staff welfare (Rs. in crores)	Expenditure on community Welfare (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96	114	297.76
1996-97	98	313.57
1997-98	113	437.99
1998-99	113	298.00
1999-2000	182	289.30

(b) The inquiry made by Government of Assam in the matter indicates that the immediate cause of accident is attributable to mishandling of the gas tanker by inexperienced and unauthorized persons for illegal transfer of gas from loaded vehicle to empty ones at an unauthorized place. A case has been registered at Dispur Police Station under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Damage of Public Properties Act, 1984. IOC has reported that all the tank-truck fleets deployed by the subject transporter have been banned and the firm including all its partners have been put on holiday Hst permanently. Further the security deposit of total amount of Rs. 2.10 lakhs deposited by the firm have been forfeited. The subject matter is not covered under the provisions of Workmen's Compensation Act, therefore, the IOC is not liable to pay compensation to the victims.

Scheme for Development and Expansion of Existing Oil Refineries

2421. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for development and expansion of existing oil refineries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;